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Read the following:

I. Government Letter No. 62202 H-1, (Home), dated the 23rd September 1947 addressed to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations.

II. From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affaris and Commenwealth Relations No. D1403-PV (1)/48 dated the 5th May 1948.

III. Government Letter No. 62202 H4 (Home) dated the 11th May 1948 addressed to the Government of India, Ministry of External Affaris and Commenwealth Relations.

IV. From the Government of India, Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations, No. F11 (34) PVi/48, dated the 1st June 48.

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2. Hereafter the National status of British subjects of Indian birth and parentage will be described on their passports as "British Indian Subjects by birth".

(By order of His Excellency the Governor)

R.Prasad,

Deputy Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner of Police, Madras (with enclosures)

(True copy)

Superintendent,

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Copy of express letter No. 62202-H.1 dated 23rd September 1947., from Madrashome, Madras to Foreign, New Delhi.

PASSPORTS - Nationality of subjects born in Bangalore Cantonment area.

Prior to the retrecession of the Bangalore Cantonment to Mysore State persons born in that area were deemed to be British subjects by birth and were described as such in their passports. After the retrecession of the area to the Mysore State Government Persons resident in that area have become the subjects of the Mysore State. I am to enquire whether a person resident in that area and whose case is not covered by section 2(1) of the British Nationality and Status of Aliens Act, 1943, should be described as British protected persons, subjects of the Indian State of Mysore or whether they should continue to be described as "British subjects by birth".

2. I am also to add that with rerference to the constitutional changes that took place on the 15th August 1947 Indian States which have accedded to the Indian Union form part of the Dominion, With reference to section 5 of the Government of India Act, subjects of such acceding States stand in the same position as other subjects of the Dominion and have to be regarded as Dominion subjects. I am therefore to enquire whether any change should be made in the description provided for in rule 6 of the Rules governing the issue of passports and visas.

Copy of express letter from Foreign, New Delhi, No.D. 1403- PV (1)/48 dated 5th May 1948, to Madrashome, Madras.

ıbject: Nationality of subjects born in Bangalore Cantonment area.

Reference your express letter No. 62202 H/47-1 dated 3rd October 1947 and subsequent remiders

2. Persons residing in Bangalore Cantonment area are still to be regarded as "British Protected Persons".

3. As regards paragraph 2 oı your letter referred to above, until further instructions subjects of Indian States, which have acceded to Indian Dominion should be regarded as "British Protected Persons." Persons born in British India are governed by the British Nationality and status of Aliens Act 1914, and should continue to be shown as 'British Indian subjects by Birth' in the passports issued to them.

Copy of express letter No. 62202/H/-4 dated 11th May 1948 from Madrashome, Madras to Foreing New Delhi.

Passports - Nationality of subjects born in Bangalore Cantonment area.

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Ref: Your express letter No. D. 1403-PV (1)/48, dated the 5th May 1948.

P.T.O.

As prescribed in Rule 4 of the Rules governing the issue of passports and visas the national status of persons born in British India is being ~~dexr~~ described on their passports as "British subject by birth". In paragraph 3 of the express letter cited it is stated that such persons should continue to be shown as "British Indian subjects by birth". It therefore appears to this Government of India earlier and that they have not been received here. I am therefore directed to request you to kindly let me know when this change from "British subject by birth", to "British Indian subject by birth" was effected and to forward a copy of the instructions for the use of this Government.

Copy of express letter No. F 11 (34) PVI/48 dated New Delhi the 1st June 1948 from the Government of India Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations. to Madras home, Madras.

Subject: Description of the National status of Indians passports.

Reference your Express letter No. 62202 H/48 dated the 11th May 1948.

The instructions in Rule 4 of the Rules governing the issue of passports and visas have not been altered and are still in force. It has however lately been the practice of the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations to describe in the passports issued by them the national status of British subjects of Indian birth and parentage as "British Indian subjects". The Provincial Government may adopt the practice of the Ministry of External Affairs and Commonwealth Relations in this matter if they so desire.

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SUPERINTENDENT,

Madras Record Office.

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